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I

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *In the Order of Holy Communion, these Collects shall be used after the Collect of the Day, with the Lesson and Gospel as followeth*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSON. *Isaiah* 26. 1–4

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

THE GOSPEL. *St. Luke* 6. 47–end

WHOSOEVER cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

¶ *Before bidding the people to pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, the Priest shall say*

Pray that God will shew forth his salvation over the whole earth.

Pray for our Government and those who command our fleets and armies.

Pray for all who serve in the Allied Forces by sea and land and air.

Pray for peoples invaded and oppressed; for the wounded, and for prisoners.

Remember before God the fallen, and those who mourn their loss.

¶ *Before the Blessing shall be said the two Prayers following*

O LORD God, our Father, our Saviour, our might, we commend to thy keeping all those who are venturing their lives on our behalf; that, whether by life or by death, they may win for the whole world the fruits of their sacrifice, and a holy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, to set the peace of heaven within the hearts of men, that it may bind the nations also in a covenant which cannot be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

¶ *At the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer the Minister shall read these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow*

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46, 1)

O put your trust in him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope. (Psalm 62, 8)

Special Psalms

Morning—20, 121 *Evening*—27, 46

Special Lessons

Morning

First Lesson, Isaiah 51, 4–11 *or* I Kings 8, verses 54, 55 and 57–62

Second Lesson, I Peter 5, 6–11 *or* Revelation 21, 1–7

Evening

First Lesson, II Kings 19, 10–19 *or* Isaiah 55, 6–13

Second Lesson, Romans 8, 31–39 *or* Revelation 19, 11–16

III

THE LITANY

¶ *In the Litany between the petition* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people *and the petition* That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, *shall be inserted the following*

That it may please thee to give thy guidance and protection to all who bear command by sea, land, or air ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire all who are serving in the Forces of the King with courage and endurance, with gentleness in victory and patience in reverse, and to shield those who are called to posts of special peril ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to comfort all that are in anxiety or sorrow, to cheer the sick and wounded, and to show thyself in mercy to the dying ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give calmness, patience, and fortitude to thy people in all times of trial or danger ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

IV

SPECIAL PRAYERS

¶ *The Prayers following may be used after the Third Collect at Morning or Evening Prayer*

After each Bidding, the Minister shall say the appropriate verses, after which silence shall be kept for a space.

FIRST, let us come with humility into the presence of our most holy God and confess our unworthiness before him.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee ; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

Make me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses though we have rebelled against him ; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

SILENCE

Let us pray

LORD for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. *Amen.*

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY for the King

for the Ministers of state, here and in the Dominions;
for our Admirals, Generals, Air-Marshals and their staffs.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven; even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O LORD God Almighty, guide, we pray thee our Sovereign Lord King George, and all those to whom thou hast committed the government of our peoples and the command of our fleets and armies; and grant unto them at this time the needful gifts of wisdom, counsel and strength, that they may fulfil thy just and righteous purposes, to the benefit of this and all lands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY for our fellow countrymen on active service, at home, on sea and land and in the air;

for our allies;

for all in posts of special peril.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

SILENCE

Let us pray

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, the Father and Protector of all that trust in thee: We commend to thy fatherly goodness the men of the Allied Forces, by sea, by land and in the air; beseeching thee to take into thine own hands both them and the cause they serve. Be thou their strength when they are set in the midst of so many and great dangers. Make all bold through death or life to put their trust in thee, who canst save by many or by few; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

O LORD God, our Father, our Saviour, our might, we commend to thy keeping all those who are venturing their lives on our behalf: that whether by life or by death, they may win for the whole world the fruits of their sacrifice, and a holy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAY for the invaded countries, in the grief of havoc and oppression;

for the upholding of their courage and hope;

for the speedy restoration of their freedom.

Remember O Lord what is come upon us; consider and behold our reproach.

Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

O Lord, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O LORD God, whose compassions fail not: Support, we entreat thee, the peoples on whom the terrors of invasion have fallen; and if their liberty be lost to the oppressor, let not their spirit and hope be broken, but stayed upon thy strength till the day of deliverance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAY that we may be preserved from hatred, bitterness and all spirit of revenge;

that God will turn the hearts of our enemies;

that the walls of partition between the nations may be thrown down for ever;

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

SILENCE

O GOD, the righteous judge, strong and patient, who by the words and wounds of thy dear Son hast bidden us pray for them that despitefully use us: We beseech thee so to turn the hearts of our enemies that, when this tyranny be overpast, the divisions of all peoples may be healed, in the bond and by the blessing of the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAY for the victory of right and truth;

that it be not long delayed;

that the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O ALMIGHTY Lord, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in thee: Be now and evermore our defence; grant us the victory of thy righteousness; and hasten the time when all the world shall confess thee Saviour and God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all Kings and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners and to be merciful to them that truly repent: Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, asswage their malice, and confound their devices; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

O GOD, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast set up on earth a Kingdom of holiness, to measure its strength against all others: Make faith to prevail over fear, and righteousness over force, and truth over the lie, and love and concord over all things; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

STABLISH our hearts, O God, in the day of battle, and strengthen our resolve, that we fight, not in enmity against men, but against the powers of darkness enslaving the souls of men; till all enmity and oppression be done away, and the peoples of the world be set free from fear to serve one another; as children of one Father, who is above all and through all and in all, our God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAY for the merchant marine, the minesweepers and fishing fleets; for all allied and neutral shipping ministering to our necessities.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea: Be pleased to receive into thy protection those who in this time of war go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters. Make thou their voyages safe to their persons and their goods; and be thyself their Way and Light till journeyings shall end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAY for all who work at home under war conditions;
for those in mines and munition factories;
for those on the land;
for all home defence units.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O LORD God, who in the day of danger knowest how many and stern are the tasks to which we are set: Help us to honour thee by a strenuous devotion to duty and work, and to the high cause which demands them; and strengthen and shield thy people in body and soul, by day and by night; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAY for all who suffer by reason of the war,
for the sick and wounded;
for prisoners;
for the exiled and homeless;
for the anxious and bereaved;

The Lord bindeth up the hearts of his people and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

SILENCE

Let us pray

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of them that suffer: Let the prayers of thy children who cry out of any tribulation come unto thee; and unto every soul that is distressed, grant thou mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

WE bring before thee, O Lord, the griefs and perils of peoples and nations; the sighing of prisoners; the necessities of the homeless; the helplessness of the weak; the pains of the sick and wounded; the sorrows of the bereaved: Comfort and relieve them, O merciful Father, according to their several needs, for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And this, for those who minister to the wounded

O MERCIFUL God, whose blessed Son went about doing good: Uphold with thy strength and grace those who do service to the wounded and the sick: grant to the ministers of thy Gospel, faithfulness and love, to doctors and nurses, skill, sympathy and patience, and to those who labour in the place of danger, thy protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REMEMBER before God those who have given their lives for their country.

No man taketh my life from me, but I lay it down of myself. Therefore doth my Father love me.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Into thy hands we commend their spirits; for thou hast redeemed them, O Lord, thou God of truth.

SILENCE

Let us pray

WE commend, O Lord God, into the arms of thy mercy those who have died in the service of their country; beseeching for them thy Son's blessing upon all who lay down their life for their friends, and the immortal crown of the faithful who overcome; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or

ETERNAL Father, who gavest thine only-begotten Son to die for all mankind, we humbly thank thee for those who not counting their lives dear unto themselves have laid them down for their friends; beseeching thee to give them a part and a lot in those good things which thou hast prepared for all whose names are written in the Book of Life; and grant to us, that having them always in remembrance, we may imitate their faithfulness and with them inherit the new name which thou hast promised to them that overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAY for a true peace

GOD shall judge between the nations: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

SILENCE

Let us pray

O ALMIGHTY God, who canst bring good out of evil and makest even the wrath of man to turn to thy praise: We beseech thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace; and that the nations of the world may be united in a new fellowship for the promotion of thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or

O GOD, who wouldest fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: Let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

or

ETERNAL God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: We pray thee so mightily to shed and spread abroad thy Spirit, that all peoples and ranks may be gathered under one banner, of the Prince of Peace; as children of one God and Father of all; to whom be dominion and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

For fortitude

ALMIGHTY God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: Give us faith to stand calm and undismayed amid the tumults of the world, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love thee; through thy beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the spirit of sacrifice

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest: to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At an evening service only

LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the peace of God

O LORD Christ, thou Prince of Peace, the faithful and true: Grant to us all, we beseech thee, that putting on the whole armour of God, we may follow thee as thou goest forth conquering and to conquer; and, fighting manfully under thy banner against sin, the world and the devil, may be found more than conquerors, and at the last may be refreshed with the multitude of peace in the holy city of our God; whose is the greatness and the power, the victory and the majesty, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all kingdoms obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and the sons of men love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V

A FORM OF HUMBLE PRAYER TO ALMIGHTY GOD IN THE PRESENT TIME OF WAR

To be used, in part or in whole, after the third collect of Morning or of Evening Prayer: or at such other time as the Minister in his discretion shall judge convenient.

I

A Supplication

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins;

Answer. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name's sake.

Minister. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name's sake.

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ ;
R. Graciously look upon our afflictions.

V. Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts ;
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

V. Favourably with mercy hear our prayers ;
R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ ;
R. Graciously hear us, O Christ ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Minister. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

Answer. As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved ; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

II

¶ *The Minister, standing in the Pulpit, or other convenient place, shall speak to the people in these, or other like words*

CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

In these days when the armed forces of evil rage over the world, against all the mercifulness and love taught by our holy faith and only Saviour, let us come boldly to the throne of God, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

Let us come first with a true humility, as those who draw near to the God and Creator of all, the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy. His majesty is not the less but the more displayed in the mercy by which he not only listens to our petitions but chooses even to dwell with them that are of a contrite and humble

spirit. Our unworthiness is only a barrier to our approach, if we will not humbly confess it.

But next, let us draw near to him as children to their Father in heaven, trusting utterly in his care and wisdom and love, and yet not hiding our fears and wants. For so we were taught by our Lord Jesus Christ, both in the prayer that he gave us and by his own most perfect pattern. And of this care for us and our needs we have most certain warrant; for he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?

Yet by so wonderful a gift, he shewed us further that all our prayer, of whatever sort and to whatever end, should go to him, not by our mere words and thoughts, but with the offering of ourselves, our faith, our service and our life, to him. The lifting up of prayers must mean the lifting up of hearts as well. So prayer becomes a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing unto God; and he that so asks, receives.

To pray aright is always to co-operate with God. Doubt not to pray for victory. The peace and freedom of the whole world are at stake, the very honour of man's soul, the truth and charity that came by Jesus Christ. On this country and its Allies has been laid the weight of their defence, and God is to be thanked that our fleets and armies, our cause and all who labour for it, can be so righteously supported by our prayers.

Finally, Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid. For Christians, the world was reborn by pain,—the pain of the Cross. On the eve of his Passion, our Master shewed his disciples how great suffering could beget a greater victory: In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. Our prayers, as they can be witnesses to our love and faithfulness to God and his Christ, can also contribute to the victory of his Holy Spirit everywhere. And this promise is sure; Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

¶ *After the address, at the discretion of the Minister, a hymn may be sung; and then shall intercession be made, either from the Special Prayers, or from the Litanies which follow, the people kneeling*

Let us humbly offer our supplication to Almighty God.

O God the Father of heaven:

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world :
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost :
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity :
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers ; neither take thou vengeance of our sins ; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever :

Spare us, good Lord.

i

FOR PARDON AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

(Response : *We beseech thee, good Lord.*)

We thy humble servants make our humble petition before thee; and that it may please thee

To pardon whatever in us has helped to cause the present war ;

To forgive us our sins, shortcomings, and blindness of heart ; our want of faith in thee ; our want of love to thee ; our want of charity towards all men ;

To give us true repentance and amendment of life through the grace of thy Holy Spirit ;

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world :
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world :
Grant us thy peace.

¶ *In the Litanies following, when copies of the Service are not in the hands of the people, the Minister should read the concluding verses from Holy Scripture as a single passage.*

ii

FOR OUR KING AND COUNTRY, AND FOR OUR ALLIES

(Response : *Hear us, we beseech thee.*)

That it may please thee

Favourably to behold our King and his Ministers of State, and to guide and protect them ;

To give wisdom and strength to all who are in authority ;

To bestow upon our people a spirit of self-control, and of sure confidence in thee ;

To inspire the men and women of our nation to offer themselves willingly at the call of duty ;

To grant to our Allies the blessings that we ask for ourselves ;

To sustain the courage of the invaded countries in the days of their agony, and to restore them soon to fulness of freedom.

The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord :
Exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness :
Thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee.

iii

FOR OUR NAVY AND ARMY, AND THOSE OF OUR ALLIES

(Response : *Hear us, we beseech thee.*)

That it may please thee

To sustain and strengthen those who bear command by sea, by land, and in the air, continuing to them thy gifts of wisdom and energy ;

To guard and preserve the men of all ranks, upholding their courage and endurance ;

To inspire them all with faith and hope, reverence and a high sense of honour, with tenacity in reverse and mercifulness in the hour of success ;

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him :
And upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ;
For he is our help and our shield.

iv

FOR ALL SUFFERERS THROUGH THE WAR

(Response : *Hear us, we beseech thee.*)

That it may please thee

To pour forth thy loving-kindness on the populations of invaded countries in the bitterness of oppression.

To look in mercy upon the wounded, the sick, and the dying; and to bless the efforts of all who minister to them;

To give faith and courage to those who are in anxiety and suspense;

To comfort and help the mourners, and all who are desolate and distressed;

To grant to all prisoners of war a spirit of patient endurance under the burden of restraint and weariness;

Himself took our infirmities;
And bare our sicknesses.

Mine angel is with you:
And I myself, caring for your souls.

v

FOR THOSE WHO FIGHT AGAINST US

(Response : *Hear us, we beseech thee.*)

That it may please thee

To turn the hearts of our enemies, and to help us to forgive them;

To give them repentance for their misdoings, and a readiness to make amends;

To shew thy pity upon those of them who suffer—in battle, in bereavement, or from other miseries of war;

To reward with thy mercy such of them as shew mercy to their enemies;

Be not overcome of evil:
But overcome evil with good.

When a man's ways please the Lord:
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

vi

FOR THE SPEEDY TRIUMPH OF OUR CAUSE

(Response : *Hear us, we beseech thee.*)

That it may please thee

To judge between us and our enemies, and, if it be thy will, to grant victory to our arms ;

To preserve our land from bloodshed, and to remove the horrors of war from other lands ;

To give to us and to the whole world a speedy, righteous, and abiding peace ;

To bring forth out of this conflict a true brotherhood of men, and a lasting fellowship of the nations ;

Hear the right, O Lord, consider our complaint :
And hearken unto our prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness :
His countenance will behold the thing that is just.

vii

THANKSGIVING FOR MERCIES ALREADY RECEIVED

(Response : *We thank thee, O God.*)

With these our prayers let us offer to Almighty God our humble thanks for his mercies which we have already received.

For the unity of the Nation and Empire ;

For the loyal and loving response of our fellow-subjects beyond the seas ;

For the full harmony between our Allies and ourselves ;

For the devotion of those who have laid down their lives for their country ;

For the revelation in danger, in suffering, and in death, of the power of the Cross and the benefits of the Lord's Passion ;

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy ;
Long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
Nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ; world without end. Amen.

(A PERIOD OF SILENCE.)

Let us pray

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added, at the discretion of the Minister, one or more of the special prayers already issued by authority. And then shall be said*

NOW unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*